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To: Examiner Carolyn Smith
Group Art Unit No. 1631
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Re: Enclosed Amendment, Submission of Replacement Drawing Sheets and Excess Claim
Fee Payment Letter
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/870,009
Our Ref: YOR.418

Dear Examiner Smith:

Please find enclosed an Amendment and Submission of Replacement Drawing Sheets which are responsive to the Office Action dated January 13, 2004, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance. An Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter is also enclosed for two excess claims.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



Phillip E. Miller

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Enclosure

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kashima et al.

Serial No.: 09/870,009 Group Art Unit: 1631

Filed: May 30, 2001 Examiner: Carolyn L. Smith

For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE FOR IDENTIFYING A SOURCE OF GENETIC
INFORMATION, AND DNA AND CELL INCLUDING THE SAMEHonorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

Sir:

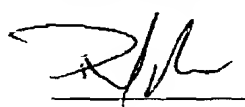
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

| | <u>After Amendment</u> | <u>Prev. Paid for</u> | <u>Extra Claims Present</u> | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Fee Due</u> |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Total claims | 22 | 20 | 20 | 18.00 | \$36.00 |
| Indep. claims | 5 | 5 | 0 | 84.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Additional Fee for this Amendment | | | | | \$36.00 |

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$36.00 to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510 to cover the cost of the Excess Claim Fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2004, please amend the above-
identified application as follows: